

# Special Operations Forces Industry Conference

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## SBIR Overview

- Congressionally mandated program
- Established to fund R&D small business concerns
- Three-phased process encompassing technology feasibility, demonstration, and transition
- Funded as a set-aside assessment of extramural RDT&E budget
- Congress established program with Small Business Innovation Development Act of 1982 and assigned Small Business Administration programmatic authority





## SBIR Overview

- Requires each federal agency with an extramural RD budget over \$100M to set aside 2.5% for SBIR
- Offers the government a unique opportunity to engage small technology businesses to meet mission needs by funding R&D to:
  - Address identified capability/ technology gaps
  - Generate cost savings
  - Enhance existing capabilities
- 11 federal agencies and 12 DOD components participate

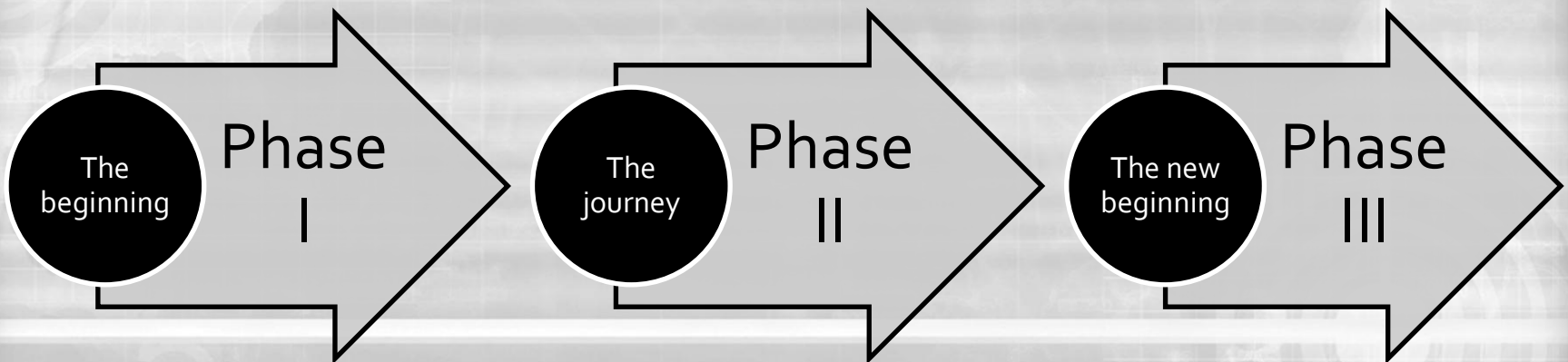


## SBIR Goals

- Stimulate technological innovation
- Increase private sector commercialization of federal R&D
- Increase small business participation in federal R&D
- Foster participation by minority and disadvantaged firms in technological innovation



## SBIR Three-Phased Approach



- Early Exploration of Ideas
- Feasibility Study

- Concept Refinement
- Prototype Development

- Further R&D/ Demonstration
- Production & Sales





## SBIR Links

- [www.ussocomsbir.com](http://www.ussocomsbir.com)
- [www.dodsbir.net](http://www.dodsbir.net)
- [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)